

## Health and Wellbeing Board

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### Better Together - Better Care Fund Agreement 2015/16

#### Recommendations

- 1) That The Health and Wellbeing Board notes the position with regard to signing off the Better Care Fund agreement for 2015/16.
- 2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board supports the finalisation of the Better Care Fund agreement for 2015/16 in accordance with the parameters set out in Section 4.

#### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the progress made in developing a formal agreement to manage the 2015/16 Better Care Fund budget, and to seek support for the finalisation of the agreement.
- 1.2 The agreement, which will set up a pooled budget to be led by the local authority, is being written under the auspices of Section 75 of the 2006 NHS Act which gives local authorities and health bodies the power to pool budgets.
- 1.3 The form and content of the agreement has been the subject of discussion between health and local authority partners and has been discussed at the Better Together Programme Board.

#### 2 Funding Streams

- 2.1 There are three specific funding streams related to the £36 million Better Care Fund for Warwickshire:
  - £33 million of health service funding which goes from the Department of Health to Clinical Commissioning Groups. This funding will be paid into the pooled budget, from where it will then be issued to the relevant organisation managing the spending directly.
  - £1.9 million of Disabled Facilities Grant funding which is paid from the Department of Health to the County Council. This funding is then paid to

District and Borough councils.

- £1.2 million of adult social care capital grant which is paid to the County Council. This funding will be incorporated into the pooled budget, and held by the County Council.
- 2.2 There will be one single overarching agreement for the Warwickshire Better Care Fund. The agreement will set out arrangements for governance, risk sharing, joint working, performance monitoring, and the management of the pooled budget.
- 2.3 In addition to this, there will be an agreement between the County Council and the District/Borough councils in respect of the transfer of the Disabled Facilities Grant.

### **3 Better Care Fund Themes and Governance**

- 3.1 The Better Care Fund aims to use resources as effectively as possible, reduce duplication and ensure we support the people of Warwickshire to get the care and support they need in the most appropriate place, which is often in or as close to their own home as possible
- 3.2 The Better Care Fund is being used to support integration and transformation of the health and care system. It is considered an enabling programme that will drive the systems changes required to create more joined up working.
- 3.3 The Vision for Warwickshire residents is encapsulated in the Plan on a Page (Appendix 1) which aspires to *enable people to plan their own care with people who work together to understand them and their carers, allowing them control, and bringing together services to achieve outcomes important to them.*

Translated to service delivery this means that:

- People are helped to remain healthy and independent.
- People are empowered to take an active role in managing their own care and the care they receive.
- People get the right services at the right time and in the right place.

The Better Together Programme Board will be overseen by the Better Together Integration Executive and report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on five key themes:

<b>Community Resilience</b>	Helping people to help themselves. Connecting people with their communities.
<b>Integrated Care</b>	Integrated health and social care teams working closely with GPs. Urgent care services as an alternative to hospital admission.
<b>Care at Home</b>	Transforming the delivery of care at home. Home adaptations and rehabilitation services.
<b>Accommodation with Support</b>	Reshaping the accommodation with care market. Supporting people to live independently.
<b>Long Term Conditions</b>	Supporting people to manage their long term conditions. Dementia friendly services.

- 3.4 There are four national measures (Non Elective Admissions, Residential Admissions, Reablement, Delayed Transfer of Care) and two local measures (Patient/Service user Experience and Support for Long Term Conditions) that will track the performance of the Better Care Fund. The Non Elective Admissions measure is a performance related target set at 2.3% reduction in volumes.
- 3.5 The value of the Better Care Fund for Warwickshire is £36 million but none of this is new money - it is already committed to particular services. Any investment of this money into new initiatives or services will require money to be redirected from somewhere else.
- 3.6 New commitments will only be proposed where they have been directed by the Department of Health, or where they are to do with redistributing budgets in order to promote intended developments, or to reflect where changes in patterns in spending have already been created.
- 3.7 Significant further changes in the planned use of the fund would be subject to agreement by partners.

## 4 Parameters for Agreement

- 4.1 The agreement will fit within the budgets already set by partner organisations.
- 4.2 The agreement will not change or delegate the statutory responsibilities of any partner organisation.

- 4.3 Risk sharing arrangements will be arranged such that they attempt to avoid perverse incentives, and such that that they attempt to incentivise partnership working.
- 4.4 The emphasis in the 2015/16 agreement is around beginning to share more information and beginning to think about and manage a wider set of health and social care budgets together. Lessons learned from the management of the agreement in 2015/16 will be applied to the agreement developed for 2016/17.

## 5 Supporting Papers

- 5.1 None.

## 6 Background Papers

- 6.1 None.

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## Warwickshire Cares - *Better Together*: Plan on a Page



**Vision for Residents:** "I can plan my care with people who work together to understand me and my carers, allow me control, and bring together services to achieve the outcomes important to me."

**Vision for Services**

- People are helped to remain healthy and independent
- People are empowered to take an active role in managing their own care and the care they receive
- People get the right service at the right time and in the right place

To work collaboratively across Warwickshire's health and social care systems to:

Help people to manage their own care.

Deliver better care closer to home.

Reduce inappropriate admission to hospital and/or long term residential care.

**Key themes:**

**Care at Home**

- Transforming the delivery of care at home
- Home adaptation and rehabilitation services

**Long Term Care**

- Supporting people to manage long term conditions
- Dementia friendly services

**Accommodation with Care**

- Reshaping the accommodation with care market
- Supporting people to live independently

**Community Resilience**

- Helping people to help themselves
- Connecting people with their communities

**Integrated Care**

- Integrated health and social care teams working closely with GPs
- Urgent Care services as an alternative to hospital admission



**Who is Involved:**

Warwickshire Cares - *Better Together* is an overarching initiative between commissioners and providers of health and care services and importantly the people of Warwickshire.